

VZCZCXYZ0005
OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHC #2827 3241803
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 191757Z NOV 08
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE 0000
INFO RUEHSJ/AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE IMMEDIATE 0000

UNCLAS STATE 122827

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: [PREL](#) [PARM](#) [UNSC](#) [CS](#)
SUBJECT: GUIDANCE: DISARMAMENT PRST, NOVEMBER 19

1. (U) This is an action request. USUN is authorized to join consensus on a Costa Rica-penned PRST regarding the regulation and reduction of armaments, with text as follows. A vote on this PRST is anticipated on November 19, 2008.

2. (U) Begin text of PRST:

Strengthening collective security and armament regulation

The Security Council recalls its primary responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace and security.

The Security Council remains convinced of the necessity to strengthen international peace and security through, inter alia, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control. It considers that the regulation and reduction of armaments and armed forces, as appropriate, constitutes one of the most important measures to promote international peace and security with the least diversion of the world's human and economic resources.

The Security Council notes the importance of collective security and its impact on disarmament and development, and stresses its concern at increasing global military expenditure.

The Security Council stresses the importance of appropriate levels of military expenditure, in order to achieve undiminished security for all at the lowest appropriate level of armaments. It urges all States to devote as many resources as possible to economic and social development, in particular in the fight against poverty and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The Security Council affirms the 2005 World Summit Outcome in which Heads of State and Government recognized that development, peace, security and human rights are mutually reinforcing.

The Security Council stresses the vital importance of an effective multilateral system, to better address, in accordance with international law, the multifaceted and interconnected challenges and threats confronting our world and to achieve progress in the areas of peace and security, development and human rights, which are the pillars of the United Nations system and the foundations for collective security and well-being. It also expresses its support for multilateralism as one of the most important means for resolving security concerns in accordance with international law.

The Security Council expresses support for national, bilateral, regional and multilateral measures adopted by governments aimed at reducing military expenditures, where appropriate, thereby contributing to strengthening regional and international peace and security.

The Security Council underlines the importance of promoting norms setting in accordance with international law, as part of the efforts to strengthen non-proliferation, disarmament and arms control measures, as well as the importance of compliance with and reinforcing of the existing agreements, conventions, and treaties which relate to these matters and international peace and security.

The Security Council reiterates that cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations in matters relating to the maintenance of peace and security and consistent with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations can improve collective security and therefore should be continuously strengthened. In this regard, it underlines the importance of strengthening the capacity of such organizations in conflict prevention, crisis management, armaments control and in supporting States recovering from conflict and laying the foundation for sustainable peace and development.

The Security Council recalls the obligation of all States to accept and carry out its decisions in accordance with article 25 of the United Nations Charter and affirms its commitment to continue monitoring and promoting the effective implementation of its decisions, in order to avoid conflict, promote and maintain international peace and security and further confidence in collective security.

The Security Council calls on Member States, regional and sub-Regional organizations, the Secretariat and the competent United Nations Funds and Programs, as appropriate, to make further efforts to preserve, facilitate, develop and strengthen international and regional cooperation in the areas of arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament, through, inter alia, further implementation, development and strengthening of relevant agreements and instruments.

The Security Council intends to continue following this issue.

END TEXT
RICE